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1. SUMMARY. FONSEC CALLAGHAN'S MEETING WITH ZAMBIAN FONMIN ON EVE OF LATTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON WAS CONCERNED MAINLY WITH MEASURES THAT BRITISH MIGHT TAKE TO PUSH IAN SMITH TO REACH AGREEMENT WITH ANC LEADING TO MAJORITY RULE IN RHODESIA. NET RESULT WAS APPARENT IMPROVEMENT IN ATMOSPHERE OF UK-ZAMBIA RELATIONS AND PROMISE BY CALLAGHAN TO INTENSIFY CONSULTATIONS WITH RHODESIAN ANC, WITH ZAMBIANS AND WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVTS.
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CALLAGHAN RULED OUT ANY NEW INITIATIVE BY HMG AT THIS TIME AND TOLD

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MWAANGA SUCH INITIATIVE WOULD BE MORE OPPORTUNE AT TIME MOZAMBIQUE GRANTED INDEPENDENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. ACCORDING TO ACTING HEAD CENTRAL AND SOUTHERN AFRICA DEPT AT FCO, ZAMBIAN FONMIN MWAANGA'S MEETING WITH BRITISH FONSEC CALLAGHAN AT GENEVA EARLIER THIS WEEK WAS EXPLORATORY DISCUSSION FROM WHICH NEITHER SIDE EXPECTED DEFINITIVE SOLUTIONS TO PROBLEMS RAISED. ZAMBIANS MOSTLY INTERESTED IN RHODESIA, AND MWAANGA EXPRESSED HOPE THAT THERE WOULD BE SOME NEW FORWARD STEPS TAKEN QUICKLY. MWAANGA SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED BRITISH URGING SOUTH AFRICAN GOVT TO TALK SENSE TO IAN SMITH AND HOPE PORTUGUESE WOULD JOIN IN APPLYING SANCTIONS.

3. IN REPLY, CALLAGHAN NOTED CURRENT UK PRIORITIES ARE CYPRUS AND EEC, FOLLOWED BY SOUTHERN AFRICA. AS FOR PROBLEMS RAISED BY MWAANGA, CALLAGHAN SAID MORE TIME WOULD HAVE TO ELAPSE BEFORE BRITISH COULD TAKE NEW INITIATIVE ON RHODESIA, WHICH COULD BEST COME AT TIME MOZAMBIQUE GRANTED INDEPENDENCE. WHEN MOZAMBIQUE RECEIVES INDEPENDENCE, IT WOULD INCREASE RHODESIA'S ISOLATION AND COULD CREATE NEW PROBLEMS FOR RHODESIA IF SHIPMENTS THROUGH BEIRA CUT OFF. ANY APPROACH BY HMG TO SOUTH AFRICA, CALLAGHAN SAID, WOULD HAVE TO BE DONE WITH EXTREME CAUTION IN VIEW OF LABOR GOVT'S STANDOFFISH ATTITUDE TOWARD SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME.

4. CALLAGHAN TOLD MWAANGA BRITISH DO NOT REPEAT NOT INTEND MAKING ANY APPROACHES TO SMITH AT THIS TIME, BUT AGREED TO CONSIDER MWAANGA'S SUGGESTIONS AND TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH HIM. FURTHER, CALLAGHAN SAID HE WOULD KEEP IN TOUCH WITH RHODESIAN ANC THROUGH THEIR LONDON REP AND THROUGH "OTHER" AFRICAN GOVTS. THESE CONTACTS WOULD BE USED TO KEEP INTERESTED PARTIES AU COURANT WITH BRITISH THINKING ON CINSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE FOR RHODESIA, RELEASE OF DETAINEES AND TIGHTENING OF SANCTIONS VIA MOZAMBIQUE.

5. ATMOSPHERE OF TALK WAS "HAPPY" FROM BRITISH VIEWPOINT AND FCO PARTICULARLY ENCOURAGED BY ZAMBIAN PRESS COMMENT, WHICH THEY SAID CHARACTERIZED TALKS AS MORE FRIENDLY AND RELAXED THAN AT ANYTIME IN PAST.

6. COMMENT: FROM FOREGOING, MAIN RESULTS OF TALK APPEARS TO BE IMPROVEMENT IN ATMOSPHERICS OF UK-ZAMBIAN RELATIONS. AS REPORTED CONFIDENTIAL

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REFTEL, BRITISH STILL COUNTING ON MOMENTUM OF DEVELOPMENTS IN MOZAMBIQUE AND SOUTH AFRICAN GOVT'S DISENCHANTMENT WITH IAN SMITH REGIME TO PUSH SMITH GOVT TO ADOPT MORE REALISTIC STANCE IN NEGOTS WITH ANC. ONLY NEW ELEMENT IN THEIR APPROACH TO PROBLEM IS CONTINUING

CONSULTATIONS WITH ANC AND WITH OTHER INTERESTED GOVTS, PRESUMABLY AFRICAN MEMBERS OF COMMONWEALTH AND PORTUGAL.

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